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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] about 400 tanks were observed on the autobahn between Briesen and Frankfurt/Oder driving toward Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] arrival of the tanks at Frankfurt/Oder. 1

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2. [redacted] the Neuruppin railroad [redacted] two trains with troops were to be expected during the coming week. 2

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3. [redacted] Soviet units including T-34 tanks, SP guns, AA guns and trucks [redacted] left Prora by rail toward Stralsund and Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted] eight troop trains went from Ruegen Island to Frankfurt/Oder. 2

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1. [redacted] Comment. The number of 400 tanks is highly exaggerated and, if actually correct, may have included tanks and armored vehicles. Nevertheless, it appears possible that large contingents of the 7th Gds Mecz Div have been employed in the quartering area of the division during the riots in Berlin and East Germany. The employment probably was a precautionary measure as no riots were observed in the area of the 7th Gds Mecz Div including Frankfurt/Oder. There are no reports from Frankfurt/Oder that [redacted] a large unit should have been stationed in Frankfurt/Oder, even temporarily.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The information that units of the 12th Gds Tank Div did not arrive by rail [redacted] does not rule out that wheeled elements of the division returned to Neuruppin by road up to this date. Continuous observations, however, from East Berlin indicate that [redacted] large contingents of the 12th Gds Tank Div were still stationed in Berlin and near the northern perimeter of the town.

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25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. It can definitely be said that, since more than a year, the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps has been stationed in the Prora area. Additional reports repeatedly stated that tanks and/or AAA units also were at Ruegen Island which have not yet been identified. Therefore, a transfer of Soviet units with tanks, SP guns and AAA guns from Ruegen, as reported in the present report, is given no credence. It appears possible [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] the KVP division Prora which possibly were shipped away
25X1 by rail. [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] the division was to be transferred from Ruegen Island to the mainland except for an infantry regiment which was to remain on the island. This movement possibly started in early July 1953. Further information is required to determine whether the troop trains actually went to Frankfurt/Oder. If the trains carried components of the KVP division, the movement would indicate that the division was transferred from the area of Armeegruppe Nord. No such information, however, is available at present.

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